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DEVELOPMENT OF WASTELAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Governments for development of wastelands under Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c) The Department of Land Resources is implementing Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) under Hariyali guidelines. New proposals are sanctioned every year as per the guidelines. Prioritized lists of districts are invited from the States for this purpose. New proposals under IWDP are sanctioned from the prioritized lists depending upon the extent of wastelands, capacity to implement wasteland projects, performance of the States in implementation of the IWDP projects and availability of budget after meeting the committed liabilities of ongoing projects. The prioritized proposals which are not sanctioned, lapse. However, States may include these projects in the priority list of next financial year. Therefore, there is no pendency of left over projects in IWDP.

The funds under Hariyali Guidelines are released for each project in five instalments of 15%, 30%, 30%, 15% and 10%. First instalment is released unconditionally alongwith the sanction of new proposals and subsequent instalments are released when the unutilized balance is not more than 50% of the previous instalment released.

During 2007-08 the prioritized list from the States has not been invited so far. The State-wise details of projects sanctioned under IWDP since 1995-96 is at Annexure.